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Prosperity - Gods Plan For Us
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Gods plan has always been for His people that they should multiply and have possessions of all that He has provided, however in order for them to receive, they were advised not to forget Him. That same plan is what His desire is for the believers of the church today, there should be no lack in our lives and if there is, it is only a temporary thing. Gods plan is increase and abundance. Starting a new teaching on prosperity, will be showing the believer what Gods plan is and has been since the beginning of time. He has made provision for everything that we will ever need and the scriptures show how we are able to obtain those blessings

Deut 8:11-13 "Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day: 12 Lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein; 13 And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied;" KJV

(Pastor shared from a book that he had written in 1984, his desire for the congregation)

"It is my desire and prayer for you that you will begin to understand a part of Gods plan for His people and His unsearchable riches for us, His church, you and I, prosperity is the ability to use Gods power, to meet the needs of mankind in any realm of life, to be successful, you must know God in a personal intimate way and be able to share your relationship with Him to others, so keep your eyes on Jesus not on riches, also remember that God is the reason that you have anything and that He never will ask you to give up something without giving you something better in return, before you start this series of lessons, ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and to lead and guide you into all truths by revelation and to bring these truths to your remembrance later as you begin to walk in these truths, may Jesus be glorified."

Truths that we find in the bible that has the power to set us free, sometimes will offend us and when that happens we will reject what will set us free. There are religious spirits in the church and outside the church, a religious spirit will always have opposition to the truth that God wants us to prosper, the spirit outside says that it is OK to prosper, but inside the church it is not, don't mention money to the people. This is not a biblical truth. Sometimes there may be spirit of lack which will effect our thinking.

The kingdom of God is sometimes spoken of as a mystery and when we hear mystery we think that we aren't to understand what is being said, but this is not the truth. There is a hidden wisdom that the world cannot tap into nor can demonic spirits. The reason it is hidden is for the believer and it is to be a blessing for us and we are to understand the mystery, it is God's plan and purpose for the believer to understand will someone else might not.

Mark 4:11 "And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables:" KJV

1 Cor 2:7 "But we speake the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:" KJV

God planned in the beginning to hide wisdom that would cause believers to tap into, it would be

for their glory and Paul tells us that Gods plan is for the mysteries to be made known to us.

1 Cor 2:9-11 "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God." KJV

Our natural abilities or our unrenewed mind are unable to understand what God has prepared for us, but the Holy Spirit is our teacher. Many people will interpret this scripture as talking about heaven but that is not true, heaven is never mentioned in this chapter 2 nor in chapters 1 or 3. Paul quotes Isaiah 64 and heaven is not mentioned there. The natural mind cannot conceive that God is for the believer having abundant finances. Allow the spirit of God to lead and guide us into all truths, that we will begin to understand those things that we haven't heard or seen, letting the Holy Spirit begin to bring revelation.

In chapters 8 and 9 of 2nd Corinthians, we find that they are devoted entirely to money and in no other topic in the bible will we find this. Having money is important for Gods people to understand what His plan is. However, we must keep our eyes on Jesus and not the money. We see this plan that God has for the prosperity of His people in the Old Testament and in the New Testament as well.

2 Cor 8:9 "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be *rich." KJV

2 Cor 8:9 "For you are becoming progressively acquainted with *and* recognizing more strongly *and* clearly the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (His kindness, His gracious generosity, His undeserved favor and spiritual blessing), [in] that though He was [so very] rich, yet for your sakes He became [so very] poor, in order that by His poverty you might become enriched (abundantly supplied)." AMP

Paul is teaching the people regarding what Jesus had done for them. The religious mind has a problem with this, they cannot believe that He became poor, they like to spiritualize it, their story is that He became spiritually dead and their story makes it a lie. How can someone who raised the dead, healed the sick, freed those bound, be spiritually poor? His reason for becoming poor was that we become rich.

God did not plan that we all be millionaires; but that we would have our needs met and would have an abundance. There are some whom the Lord has blessed with the ability to be millionaires, but most of the population would not know how to handle such funds.

*Rich in the Greek means; to become wealthy, to be increased with goods, to be prosperous and be rich

This is good news to those needing funds, Jesus preached in the temple that the poor would be blessed and they are given hope and peace.

Mark 5:34 "And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in *peace, and be whole of thy plague." KJV

*Peace in the Gr/Heb means; shalom, restoration in everything, finances, and where they are a whole person. Peace being a part of whole, physically, free from lack or disease.

God has an awesome plan for His people and unless we understand the mysteries of His plan, we will never walk in them. The Lord is pleased when His people prosper and have an abundance of extra funds.

Psa 35:27 "Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the Lord be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant." KJV

Peter Daniels is a man of considerable wealth, he shared his story of being bankrupt on three different occasions, but he continued to seek the Lord in regards that it was God's plan to prosper His people, it took him five years, but when he was convinced, even though people tried to talk him out of it, he went into business again. He has continued to gain financially since that time.

We must be convinced of Gods plan for our lives in order for us to gain financial blessings. There are challenges involved as we begin to grow in this area, either with money or without money, there will be different challenges.

There are many scriptures in the Old Testament and the New Testament which tell of what God has prepared for His people and how we can enjoy those gifts from God.

Ecc 3:13 "And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labour, it is the gift of God." KJV

Ecc 2:24 "There is nothing better for a man, than that he should eat and drink, and that he should make his soul enjoy good in his labour. This also I saw, that it was from the hand of God." KJV

Ecc 5:19 "Every man also to whom God hath given riches and wealth, and hath given him power to eat thereof, and to take his portion, and to rejoice in his labour; this is the gift of God." KJV

God does not bless us to be foolish with money; many people have the concept that we should never keep any of it, spending on the lusts of their hearts. We are to be givers and savers, but we need to be taught how to spend on ourselves as well. God taught the children of Israel all these things, giving, saving and enjoying what He had blessed them with and that wealth would be laid up for their heirs. Remember that it is God who has blessed.

Pro 13:22 "A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just." KJV

Prosperity is the fruit of putting Jesus first and if we are going to prosper there will be a time that it will be a sacrificial effort, it won't come easy all the time. God must be put first, the man who does, his seed will also be blessed, wealth and riches are his and righteousness is forever. The truth is that God wants to bless but He must be put into first place in our lives. As a result of growing in the Lord, our finances will continue to grow, He may ask us to give, but He will always give back. Money is spiritual and is a part of God.

Psa 112:1-3 "Praise ye the Lord. Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments. 2 His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed. 3 Wealth and riches shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever." KJV

Pro 8:21 "That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures." KJV

Pro 8:21 "Those who love me inherit wealth. I will fill their treasuries." NLT

As believers we cannot ignore what is being said by outside forces, letting the news dictate how things should be for us. We must know what the Word of God says regarding meeting all of our needs, putting our trust in Him.

The Old Testament tells of many who were blessed by God, things were not always easy for them. Jacob was one of those who acted upon the wisdom that God gave him, even though his father-in-law cheated him he continued to grow in his wealth. *Glory is used for the first time and means increased abundance.

Gen 30:43 "And the man increased exceedingly, and had much cattle, and maidservants, and menservants, and camels, and asses." KJV

Gen 31:1 "And he heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, Jacob hath taken away all that was our father's; and of that which was our father's hath he gotten all this ***glory**." KJV

The following scriptures give an account of the prophet Haggai and those who were returning to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple. They had been in captivity and a group of them were starting to return, Haggai's desire was to rebuild, since the walls had been destroyed and nothing in repairs had been done even though they had been there for 18 yrs., they had started to rebuild 16 yrs ago but it had not been completed due to lack of funds. God had made a covenant with the children of Israel when they came out of Egypt, they had much in the way of finances, they had gone into captivity again and were just starting to come out, God said that they had forgotten how He had blessed them the first time, but that His covenant with them was still good and that He would bless them with funds again, in order for them to rebuild the walls and temple that had been destroyed, His spirit was still with them. He would shake everything, all creation and all nations and the ***glory** of the Lord would come greater than before, referring to the temple which was built during Solomon's reign. Some scholars believe that the reference to ***desire** here is to Jesus, but this is not true. All nations desire money not Jesus. The church now is the latter house and the blessing will be greater than what was on the original.

Psa 89:34 "My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips." KJV

Hag 2:5-9 "According to the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, so my spirit remaineth among you: fear ye not. 6 For thus saith the Lord of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; 7 And I will shake all nations, and the ***desire** of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of hosts. 8 The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts. 9 The ***glory of this latter house shall be greater** than of the former, saith the Lord of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of hosts." KJV

Why are we working so hard and so much now? Because we have need of it, had we been taught the word of God concerning finances earlier, we would have made different decisions regarding those finances. We must not criticize those teaching this message, but accept and make changes in our lives, it is never too late to change.

Gen 8:22 While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease." KJV

Phil 4:19 "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." KJV

God is going to bless His people greater than they have ever been blessed in these last days.